

THE TOTAL STRENGTH OF THE JAPANESE ARMY

<u>Period</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Brigade</u>	<u>Total Strength</u>
1 Jan. 1930	17	4	250.000
" " 1931	17	4	250.000
" " 1932	17	4	300.000
" " 1933	17	5	330.000
" " 1934	17	5	350.000
" " 1935	17	5	380.000
" " 1936	17	5	400.000
" " 1937	17	5	450.000
" " 1938	26	5	950.000
" " 1939	35	15	1130.000
" " 1940	43	16	1240.000
" " 1941	53	24	1350.000
" " 1942	56	25	2100.000
" " 1943	68	25	2400.000
" " 1944	80	41	2900.000

Note

1. The number of division shows the total of infantry divisions, tank divisions, flying division groups, flying divisions and flying training divisions.
2. The number of brigades shows the total of independent mixed brigades, independent infantry brigades, cavalry brigades, artillery brigades, independent tank corps, task brigades on sea and the Karafuto Mixed Brigade.
3. "Total Strength" shows the permanent establishment, so the number is roughly estimated.

4. The necessary materials to the estimation of the above numbers were lost on account of burning up and so on at the termination of the war. So, this is the best record that the 1st Demobilization Bureau can offer at present (July 16, 1946) through various remaining records (and a part of them was collected from memories).

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C E R T I F I C A T E

Haruyoshi Saito certifies as follows:

(A) I, as an official of the Japanese Government who has the qualification of Demobilization secretary, have the power of making this certificate.

(B) I, as the Government official, has the right of keeping a part of the records and documents concerning the strength of the Army. And the larger parts of them was lost at the termination of the war by burning up and so on.

(C) The annexed papers concerning the strength of the Army were compiled by making the best use of the above remaining records and documents which could be available. (And some of them were collected from memories).

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